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LECTURE HALL HOURS
OR
WHY DOESN'T HE ANSWER THE PHONE?

This is by way of an hour-by-hour description of duties of the resident staff which keeps them from "starting that infusion" or "taking that blood" at a moment's notice.

It starts on Monday, logically, when End Result Conference is held at 11:00 o'clock in the Lecture Hall. From three to ten or twelve patients who have undergone operations in this hospital, in the past, are presented for study and for assessment. Following this, interesting cases seen in the X-ray Department in the preceding week are presented and discussed and then the Chief Residents on the two services report the cases operated upon during the preceding week.

On Tuesday at 8:30 the Children's Service presents the new admissions and their prospective treatment is discussed at some length in, you guessed it, the L. H. It might be added this often entails some discomfort to any resident unfortunate enough not to be ready with an answer, preferably correct, to some pertinent question. This conference lasts for an hour and a half or more depending upon the number of admissions and upon the residents' ability to avoid the previously mentioned discomfort.

Wednesday morning is operating day for the Children's Service and at that time half the staff is more-or-less incommunicado in the Operating Room.

Thursday is marked by a return to the Lecture Hall at 8:30 for Adult Service admissions; then Friday is operating day for the Adult Service and the other half of the staff retires to the Operating Room.

Not content with this the entire resident staff gathers on Friday at 4:30, in the 6th Floor Museum as a change, at which time one of the residents or one of the Attendings presents a paper on some Orthopedic subject to the rest of the group.

This covers the major activities of the residents, those which require the presence of all or most of the staff. In addition there are the special clinics such as Cerebral Palsy on Tuesday and Thursday, Fracture on Tuesday, Clubfoot on Wednesday and Scoliosis on Saturday which require the attendance of one or more residents. One last important meeting is that held monthly on the third Thursday at 3:15 in the Lecture Hall where the monthly statistics are reported and a program is presented.

So..... should some resident be a little hard to find sometime ..... try the Lecture Hall; that's Extension 431

H.W.

The Admitting Office inform us that the following H.S.S. employees are temporarily listed as patients: Mrs. Sally Sause, Accounting, 404, Mrs. Ruth Dean, Volunteer 404: Anna Cassinelli (Cassi of the Brace Shop) 4C. We are all glad to see Tommy Cannon, Cyril (Mac) McManus and Pauline Jay back on the job again.

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A woman coming to the Information Desk the other day, asked Miss Wright "Will you please give me some information about a foot?" How would you answer that question - no prompting, Please!!

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There has been considerable going and coming in the Dietery Department this last month. Miss Dorothy Bell flew to Illinois to visit her father who has been quite ill. Violet Spaniardi resigned as cashier of the 5th floor cafeteria and departed for Florida. Ruth Ells, Therapeutic Dietitian has also resigned and she is taking a motor trip through the south and west.

It is a great pleasure for us to welcome Miss Letitia Rose of Dayton, Ohio as Therapeutic Dietitian in Miss Ell's place. Miss Rose is a graduate of the University of Dayton, and has a Master's degree from Columbia University. Before coming here she has held positions with the Consumer's Cooperative Corporation and with Hunter College.

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We have before us a newspaper clipping (Peekskill, N.Y.) stating that Dr. John J. Dorsey, formerly Assistant-Surgeon of the 71st Infantry, NYNG, has recently been appointed Regimental Surgeon of that regiment.

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Everyone of us is glad to know that Anne Schaffer of the Clinic staff is home from the hospital after her operation. She wishes everyone to know that their cards, flowers and many gifts were sincerely appreciated. She is learning to talk, which is a slow process, but which she is determined to master. The new member at the desk under the guiding hand of Mrs. Schoppmans is Miss Marie Feeney. The Dental clinic has a new Hygienist, Miss Kettell.

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Margaret Harrington, maid, in PP5 had a birthday on February 7th and wishes to take this opportunity to thank the nurses, patients and others whose kindness made the day a happy one.

ALUMNI

We are all pleased, as we always are, to see Dr. Joseph Russo visiting around the building recently. Another Alumnus from Hartford observed in the cafeteria line one day in January was Dr. Joseph Lankin, who, from all appearances, must be enjoying married life! Mrs. Lankin is the former Eleanor Bolinas head nurse on Gibney 3 until Dr. Lankin took her away from us!

Vilray Blair is in New York getting ready for the Orthopaedic Board Examinations this month. We heard he has become a proud father again-- A boy this time. Another future Orthopod arrived around Christmas time when Michael Donovan, Jr. was born. We understand that Dr. Donovan (Sr.) is now associated with Frank Parrish down Houston way. Parrish has written that he will be up this month to attend the annual orthopaedic jamboree being held this year in New York.

Speaking of doctors, and who is not in a hospital, read what a patient, Miss Lyla Blake, has to say about three of our orthopods and their efforts to keep the human race standing erect.

THE MONKEY PASSED HIS ACHIN' BACK
DOWN TO OUR SCROILLIAC,
AND MADE US RUN THE FREQUENT RISK
OF SLIPPING AN ELUSIVE DISC,
BECAUSE HE MINDED QUITE A LOT
THAT WE STOOD UP AND HE DID NOT!
SO IN A FIT OF MONKEY-SHINES
HE GAVE THE DEVIL TO OUR SPINES
TO PLAGUE US WITH UNWANTED LESIONS
FUSIONS, FRACTURES AND ADHESIONS,
THINKING THAT IN NO TIME WE
ALL WOULD BE AS STOOPED AS HE.
BUT CUTTING ALL HIS PLANS ASTRAY
CAME DOCTORS WILSON, STRAUB AND WAY
AND WHILE THE MONKEY HIDES HIS FACE
THEY'RE PROPPING UP THE HUMAN RACE.

LYLA BLAKE.

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Miss Rita St.Pierre, R.N. of the Research Department has announced her engagement to Mr. Gerald LePage of Ottowa, Canada. Mr. LePage is employed by the Canadian Government and is at present attached to the Canadian Consulate in New York City.

LAUNDRY

Every Friday afternoon, the employees of the laundry get together for half an hour to discuss ways and means of eliminating accidents. All hazards reported are immediately looked into and reported to the proper authority. All safety devices on the different machines are tested by everyone called upon to operate them. It is emphatic that all employees know how these safety devices operate.

Mrs. Mary Egan, one of our old-timers, who has been away for about two years, returned to work several weeks ago. Dorothy Klane, a press operator had a sore foot and in spite of the doctor's orders to lay-off work, continued on her job for fear that the laundry in her absence would be shorthanded.

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"The Diary of a Polio Patient", an account by Turnley Walker, until recently of 5D, of his experiences here during the past six months has been accepted by the North-American Newspaper Alliance for syndication in newspapers throughout the country.

Doctor Sunshine and his troubadours, who have been serenading our patients for longer than the oldest employee can remember,, was interviewed and photographed by a reporter from the New York Times recently. As a result a short article appeared in the Times of January 31st.

Rumour has it that while the City of New York is improving the 42nd Street approach to the United Nations, we shall all enter the Hospital by way of 43rd Street. Our architects are tearing their hair and using up many pencils and much paper in their efforts to re-allocate the various departments that may be effected by this change.

SOCIAL SERVICE NOTES

Frances Engeman, formerly of Social Service of this Hospital, has recently been appointed Director of Social Service at the Mountainside Hospital, Montclair, N.J. Old-timers will remember Patricia Pomeroy later, Mrs. Horace Guasden, who left us to join her husband in Washington. She also has been appointed to the position of Director of Social Service and is filling this position at the Children's Hospital, Washington, D.C. Everyone remembers our little English almoner Elizabeth Montgomery, who was in the United States for two years and returned home last Spring. We recently received a letter from her telling us she is in charge of the Social Service Department of a general hospital in Bedfordshire, England.

Mrs. Valia Snyder has a globe-trotting husband who is a representative of the International Telephone and Telegraph Company. Three years ago he took a trip to Czechoslovakia for his firm and she went with him but this year, he has apparently gone to what is a no-man's-land for a business executive's wife, for she has stayed home and he is in Saudi, Arabia.

RECORD ROOM

The personnel of the Record Room have been congratulating Irene Spiegal upon her recent engagement. She expects to be married late September. Betty Peters is back on her job again after the birth of her son, John Charles, on January 5th. A new employee who has joined the staff is Miss Rosalind Giarraputo. Bea McGinley has left the employ of the H.S.S. and is now working for Dr. Francis Carr in New Rochelle. She carries with her loads of luck from all the staff.

FROM OUR MAIL BAG

"Dear Sirs: 1/9/50

Permit me to compliment you on running a wonderful hospital. I wouldn't have minded if I had stayed longer. People can't understand that until I explain. I am a very good advertisement. Your nurses on the fourth floor are out of this world. Later, I was on the third floor. They were fine. Especially the head nurse that left the following day. If it is possible please tell them, especially the fourth floor, I do appreciate their kindness and attention.

Sincerely,
(Miss) J.G.

A FOOT-NOTE TO THE REPORTING STAFF

If we have omitted entirely or edited some of the news you have submitted, we hope you will not be disappointed. It has been thought wise to limit the size of this publication for the time being and we have endeavored to select those items we consider most newsworthy to the personnel of the Hospital as a whole. No one is

infallible and if you disagree, a letter to the editor is always welcome. We do appreciate your cooperation and hope you will continue to keep the news coming in.

********** J.C.H.

SAFETY IS THE CONCERN OF EVERYONE

Report all injuries - your own or anybody else's - to your Supervisor.

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REPORTING STAFF

Dr. Howard Way	Residents
Miss Helen Orens	Admitting Office
Miss Ruth Hanson	Cafeteria
Miss Anne Brady	Pantry
Fred Short	Kitchen
Miss Ellen Brady, R.N.	3 - 11 p.m.
Miss Dorothy Newman, R.N.	7.00 - 3.30 p.m.
Mrs. Henrietta Mendoza	Purchasing
Mrs. Ellen Brehm	Alumni
Tommy Cannon	Information Desk
John Wondrash	Housekeeping
Carl Raminger	Brace Shop
Miss Lillian Morrison	Record Room
John Gaffney	Laundry
Mrs. Olive Fisher	Photography
Miss Agnes I. Howard	Clinics
Mrs. Sally Sause	Accounting
Miss Esther Alessandrini	Social Service
George Shannon	Maintenance
Mrs. Angela De Marco	X-Ray

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